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Senator Burke:

The attached amendment makes the following corrections and changes:

1. It deletes the reference to legislative campaign committees in s. 11.26 (2) (intro.) and amends s. 11.26 (2) (intro.) to ensure that the committee contribution limits apply to any committee *or individual* serving as a conduit.
2. It specifies that the disbursement level is increased under s. 11.31 (1m) if a candidate *for partisan office has an opponent in the general or special election who received at least 6% of the votes cast in the primary* and that candidate receives less than twice as many votes at the primary election as another candidate for the same office *within the same political party*.
3. It fixes the cross-reference in proposed s. 11.31 (3p) to ensure that a candidate who receives an additional grant as a result of an “opposing” independent expenditure also receives a commensurate increase in his or her disbursement limitation.
4. It corrects the stricken text in s. 11.50 (9) (a).
5. It makes four changes regarding the supplemental grants under s. 11.50 (9) (b), (ba), and (bb). First, the amendment specifies that the supplemental grants are triggered by certain expenditures or disbursements that exceed 10%, 20%, or the total amount of the *disbursement limit* applicable to the particular office. As currently drafted, the supplemental grant under s. 11.50 (9) (bb) is triggered by certain expenditures that exceed 20% of the *grant amount* applicable to the particular candidate. Second, the amendment specifies that the applicable disbursement limit takes into account the cost-of-living adjustment under s. 11.31 (9) but not the adjustment that a particular candidate might receive as a result of winning a competitive primary. Third, the amendment corrects a cross-reference in proposed s. 11.50 (9) (bb), to correctly refer to the statute under which the applicable expenditures are reported. Fourth, the amendment clarifies that the supplemental grant under proposed s. 11.50 (9) (bb) is available if the independent expenditures made for a candidate's opponent *plus* the aggregate independent expenditures made against the candidate total in excess of 20% of the applicable disbursement limit.

If you have any questions or desire any changes to this amendment, please feel free to call.

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